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IN THE DRAWINGS:

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REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance.

Claims 1-8 are currently pending. Claim 1 is hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced.

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The Examiner has rejected claims 1-11 as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by Japanese Patent No. 2000-196720 ("the '720 patent"). The Examiner has also rejected claims 2, 3-5, 6-7, 9, 10 and 11 as unpatentable over the '720 patent in view of one or more of Applicant's alleged admitted prior art, Japanese Patent Application No. 10-312334, U.S. Patent No. 6,859,784, Japanese Patent No. 2000-69158, and Japanese Patent No. 2002-9907.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites in pertinent part:

the support portion is coupled to the main body at a position apart from the center along the longitudinal direction thereof through a first axis...

the display portion ... is coupled to the support portion through a second axis that is perpendicular to the first axis, [is] pivotable around the second axis,

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wherein upon rotation of the support portion approximately 90 degrees around the first axis, the display portion is rotatable approximately 180 degrees around the second axis. (emphasis added)

It is respectfully submitted that though the device of the '720 patent, as best understood by Applicants' attorneys maybe rotatable around two axes, the display portion of the device shown therein is not rotatable approximately 180 degrees around the second axis(as shown in Figs. 9A and 9B) of the present application, following rotation of the display portion approximately 90 degrees around the first axis (as shown in Fig. 8). Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the relied upon portions of the '720 patent and is allowable. Further, it is submitted that the shortcomings of the '720 patent are not addressed by the relied upon portions of the other cited references. Accordingly, claim 1 should be found allowable. Claims 2-11 depend from independent claims 1 and should therefore be found allowable therewith.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

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Respectfully submitted,

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